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THE NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 7780

Tim Placey, District Governor, 2002-2003

OCTOBER, 2002

Governor's Notes



November is Foundation Month, and I think the best way to tell you what you support when you contribute to the Foundation is to show you! That adage about giving until it hurts isn't the real way to give. The real way is to give until it feels good! God Bless You All, Tim



The Ragak Well Project in the Bondi District. More pictures of this project and another project of the Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco are on page 9.



- PolioPlus
- Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign
- Private Sector Campaign
- Public Sector Advocacy
- 3-H (Health, Hunger, and Humanity) Grants
- Blane Community Immunization Grants
- Community Assistance Program
- Disaster Relief
- Discovery Grants
- Grants for Rotary Volunteers
- Helping Grants
- Humanitarian Grants Cadre of Technical Advisors
- Humanitarian Transportation Grants
- Matching Grants
- New Opportunities Grants
- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Group Study Exchange
- Rotary World Peace Scholarships — Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Fesolution
- Rotary Grants for University Teachers



A Matching Grant project in Bali, Indonesia, to help provide school fees, uniforms, shoes, nutrition and school supplies for children in a poor village.



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Foundation Seminar

Change of Date for the Foundation Seminar. The New Date is:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2002.

Look for More Information Inside!

The Governor's Official Visits for November

Somersworth		
Tuesday	11/12	7:30 am
Newburyport		
Tuesday	11/12	12:00
Durham-Great Bay		
Wednesday	11/13	7:00 am
Dover		
Wednesday	11/13	12:00
Portsmouth Sunrise		
Thursday	11/21	7:30 am
Portsmouth		
Thursday	11/21	12:00
Wells		
Monday	11/25	7:30 am
Exeter		
Monday	11/25	12:00

From Here and There

Thanks to Kittery Club's Newsletter "The Gateway" of 10/25:

From Paul Harris:

"The doctrine of 'service above self' has at times been said to be too idealistic to be practicable. Very well, for the sake of argument, concede that to be the case, it cannot be too idealistic to constitute our ideal. If we aim at the high mark, we may acquit ourselves creditably even if we fall short of our full expectation."

The Rotarian, September 1912

2003 Conference!

Join us at the 2003 District Getaway Conference to learn about Rotary, meet old friends, make new ones, celebrate this Rotary year and HAVE FUN! Complete the "early bird" registration form on page 9 and return it to PDG Marie Williams before November 16th for a chance to attend part of the conference for FREE!

DGE's Notes

Rotary for the Whole Family



As we take part in service projects around the District, it's easy to forget that we aren't the only ones doing good works in our communities. We've all heard about Interact for high schoolers, and Rotaract for college students. How about Early Act?

Early Act is the Rotary sponsored school-wide service club for elementary children ages 5-13 that's starting to catch on all over the country. It works by building on the premise that kids are natural Rotarians and want to help others. Early Act offers schools a framework for giving even young children a part in service projects—

just like their parents and older siblings. Even at a young age, students can be encouraged to be caring and helpful citizens. Each Early Act school is sponsored by a local Rotary club. Students are engaged in character building activities and school-wide service projects to benefit their community.

Easy projects like bottle cap and flip top collections and fund raisers like car washes and candy sales are typical Early Act activities. Although the participants can be from 5 to 13, the average Early Act group is 10-12 years of age and meets twice a month.

So the next time your club wants to branch out, consider sponsoring an Early Act group in your child's school. It's never too early to train the Rotarians of the future!

Trish



Foundation Seminar

The Foundation Seminar will be held on November 16, 2002 at York County Technical College in Wells, Maine. Governor Tim notes that, in his travels, many of the big questions are about the Foundation. It would be great for every club to send their new members to the seminar as well as the older members. Everyone can use an update on what the Foundation is and does, and its importance to all Rotarians. Each club has recently been sent an invitation, giving all the details, along with a signup sheet.

Please forward that sheet, along with a check (made out to Rotary District 7780) for \$10 each for your attendees, to Liz Valliere. We look forward to seeing you there!



District Polio Eradication Campaign Committee

Recollections of the Beginning

by M.A.T. Caparas

This column was written by Past Rotary International President M.A.T. Caparas of the Philippines.

A former law partner of mine had a pronounced limp because of having been stricken with polio as a child. Two children of another law partner of mine were stricken with the disease on the same day, and the poor father had to decide which one of them would use the single iron lung that was available in the country. Those children were playmates of my own children and swam with them in the same pool. Fortunately, my own children were spared, but polio remains a poignant subject for me.

In 1978, while he was in Manila, President Clem Renouf received through Evanston the inquiry of a Canadian pharmaceutical company whether Rotary had the capability to administer 500,000 doses of anti-tetanus vaccines within a three month period. The company had that quantity of vaccines that it

had that capability. Several hundred million vials of anti-tetanus vaccines were flown to the Philippines following that conversation, and all of them were duly administered in government and army hospitals throughout the country.

When the 3-H committee subsequently decided on the first health project of the program, it was at the suggestion of Dr. Sabino (Benny)

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Santos of the Philippines [Past RI Director 1989-1991], who pointed to the high incidence and fatality of polio in the country, and the demonstrated capability of its health care delivery system to handle mass immunization.

That first 3-H grant was for some \$640,000.00, and was for the immunization during the next five years of all children below the age of five. The very first drops of Rotary's polio vaccines were administered by RI President James Bomar in Manila in 1979, a very important year for us. The incidence of polio in the Philippines declined by 50% after only a year, and the disease just about disappeared at the completion of the five-year period.

The contagious diseases ward of the Philippine General Hospital in Manila had 50 beds that used to be totally occupied all the time. It had no more polio patients after the campaign, and it is now used for AIDS patients.

It is ironic that the efficiency of the Philippine department of health was a factor that possibly influenced the launch of the campaign against polio in the Philippines. It is ironic because the PolioPlus campaign succeeded only after Rotarians, with their "social mobilization," took the campaign to the homes and the streets, outside the traditional government health clinics where the WHO authorities at first insisted the vaccines should be administered. The 80% minimum rate of immunization that is indispensable to success would never have been reached had we agreed to wait merely for the children to be brought to the government clinics.

Heaven knows how many children's lives were saved by RI President Carlos Canseco in holding firm and winning that debate. 🌊



Photo Credit: World Health Organization

would be glad to give to Rotary if we could use them while they were still potent. The Philippine Rotarians, including a former Secretary of Health, assured Clem that the Philippine health department



Photo Credit: World Health Organization

Youth Exchange

"I Don't Speak Much Mandarin, But I'm Not Stupid!"

by Nancy Hawes

DG Tim wrote in last month's newsletter that our inbound exchange students had arrived and attended orientation. Since then they have been whitewater rafting with Bob Schott and other members of the Oxford Hills Club, been hosted by the Bar Harbor club for Columbus Day weekend, and will enjoy Tom Wilbur's Chocolate Factory and the hunter's breakfast on November 2, courtesy of the Freeport club. As Tim said, they are a great group of young people.

The other half of our exchange students – the "outbound" students – are currently in Chile, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Taiwan, Japan and Bali. (Mariah Ernst, the Windham club's student in Bali, was unhurt by the recent bombing.) Hearing

from these students is fascinating – here is an excerpt from a letter from Diana Sweet of York.

"Monday was the official start of classes. In Taiwan, the senior high school has three grades. I am in the second year. This school has a total of 1500 students.

Well, I am the only non-Asian. It is quite the change from being so 'ordinary' in York. Anyway, people are very nice, and curious. I think I am picking up the language pretty well. I study hard every day after school for a couple of hours, and during school for an hour every day I have a Chinese tutoring class with a teacher. I get frustrated though, which I am sure is normal. I mean I haven't really been able to have an intelligent conversation or get my entire point across once, with the exception of the English teachers. My host family treats me as though I am stupid. I know they are nice and mean well, but there is a big difference: I don't



The students at orientation weekend at Sunday River Inn

speak much Mandarin, but I am not stupid! But that has become a motivation of mine to learn the language.

"We had a small earthquake last night, as well as a typhoon – both were new experiences for me. I believe tomorrow my host family is taking me into the mountains – I am really excited. Well, as you can imagine I have tried so many new foods, been exposed to so many new customs, new ideas, and had so many emotions over the past weeks, one would have thought that I had been here for months! But that's what it's all about, huh?"

Yes Diana, that certainly is what youth exchange is all about! Any students in our district who will be between 15½ - 18½ when they depart can apply to be exchange students. Interested students should contact their local club's youth exchange officer or Tom Wilbur (tom@wilburs.com).



On top of Cadillac Mountain

Appointments

Past RI Director Dan Mooers Appointed Member-At-Large to 2004 Council on Legislation

Rotary International President-elect Jonathan B. Majiyagbe has appointed Past RI Director Dan Mooers as a Member-At-Large to the 2004 Council on Legislation. Dan, currently serving as Chairman of the RI Constitution and Bylaws Committee, will be one of three "at large" Council members.

Each district in the Rotary world selects one voting member. The three "at large" members are appointed by the RI President and act as advisors to the Council. RI constitutional documents direct the "at large" members to study all proposals coming before the Council and to apprise the Council during its deliberations of any considerations not brought forth by the debate.

Dan has had experience with the triennial Council and has been active with each Council since serving as Governor of Dis-

trict 778. He represented District 7780 at the 1992 Council, and three years later Dan was the spokesperson for the RI Board of Directors at the 1995 Council. He served two years on an international committee established by the Council to review Council procedures and he assisted in drafting several pieces of legislation passed by the 1998 Council that altered Council procedures. At the 2001 Council Dan was a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and of the Council Operations Committee.

Zone 31 and 32 Institute - Williamsburg, Virginia



DG Tim Placey and First Lady Gladys Placey escort DGE Trish Hunter from the podium, after her introduction as our incoming governor.

Our team at the Zone Institute: PDG Mike McGovern, Gladys Placey, PDG Peter Johnson, DG Tim Placey, Bruce Williams, PDG Marie Williams, DGE Trish Hunter, DGN Bob Jacobson, Muriel Jacobson, Jane Thomas (hiding!), PDG Elias Thomas. PDG-PRID Dan Mooers and his wife Shirley Mooers had to leave early, so were not present for this picture.



First Lady's Corner



The zone conference in Williamsburg, Va. was a success. Your District Governor Elect was formally introduced to zones 31-32. Tim and I escorted her to and from the podium in an impressive ceremony. Trish was actually moved to a few tears. Likened it to between a graduation and a wedding ceremony. Emotionally that is. What she has yet to find out, it is almost as much of a commitment as marriage for one year.

On visiting clubs across the District, I have begun to notice a pattern in a lot of clubs. There seem to be unwritten "reserved" signs on tables in some clubs.

Members never move or invite anyone else to join them at that table. How does a new member feel if she or he inadvertently intrudes on the seating arrangement? Not good believe me. How does an established member get to know any of the new members? Some clubs have remedied this by each week members have to move to a new table with new people or they are fined. So perhaps you guys and gals should consider moving around a bit. Not just swapping chairs but swapping people as well.

Do you suppose that trying to mingle would help with retention and attendance problems? Maybe not, but it would certainly get you to know each other better!

These last three weeks of October have been the busiest so far. Filled with offi-

cial club visits, club anniversary celebrations, meeting the Friends Forever team from Ireland, a great group of young people, and even judging a pizza contest at Portsmouth Sunrise. I was in pizza heaven for a while. After tasting the 10th pizza (burp), I was not on my best form. I didn't think I would ever meet a pizza I didn't like, but guess what, I did. Anyway it has been great fun and we look forward to more good times, so keep us in touch with your doings and we will try to join you.

We are on the home stretch of our visits, so you lucky clubs out there who have not had the pleasure of our company can look forward to seeing us soon.

See ya next month,
Gladys

Important Dates and Deadlines

20th of Each Month:

Articles, information, pictures, updates for the monthly district Newsletter

15th of Each Month:

Attendance Reports Due to the District Secretary

November 16th:

Foundation Seminar, YCTC Application forms for 2004-05 Rotary Foundation educational programs will be available from district scholarships subcommittee chairs in November.

To ensure your club's listing in the 2003-04 Official Directory, return the data form that was mailed to club secretaries in October within two weeks after the election of officers. The annual meeting for the election of club officers is to be held no later than 31 December.

Who's the Editor?

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We gratefully accept articles about your clubs and their doings, news about Rotarians working in their communities, special projects, district committees, information that impacts Rotary and Rotarians, stories about issues big and small, letters to the editor, photographs, and just about anything else you can think of. Send it along!

Nominations Sought for District Officers

Clubs are asked to submit nominations for the following District 7780 Officers:

District Governor for 2005-2006

Finance Committee Member, Division A 2003-2006

Qualifications for the duties of District Governor can be found in the Manual of Procedure and include:

- Having been a member of a Rotary Club for at least 7 years prior to taking office
- Having served a full term as Club President
- Having the ability and commitment to meet additional qualifications called for upon taking office
- Be willing and physically able and otherwise to carry out the duties of District Governor.

Qualifications for Finance Committee Member include:

- Must be a Past President of a District 7780 Club in Division A (clubs in Dover, Durham-Great Bay, Exeter, Hampton, Newburyport, Portsmouth, Portsmouth Sunrise, Rochester, Seabrook-Hampton Falls and Somersworth)
- Must be willing and able to serve as a member of the committee for the specified term.

All nominations must be in the form of a resolution of the club adopted at a regular club meeting as described in the Manual of Procedure. In addition, candidates for District Governor need to provide a picture and biographical sketch of both their personal and Rotary background. All nominations must be forwarded to DG Tim prior to January 15, 2003. Please feel free to call him with any questions relative to the process.

Harvestfest 2002

These pictures are taken at Bethel's Harvestfest 2002's Chowdah Fest on The Bethel Common where Rotary offered an "alternative food choice" of hamburgers, hot



Janet Black, Cynthia Moran-Laux, Al Barth and in the background is Dave Nivus.



Al Barth and Cynthia Moran-Laux.

dogs, and kabobs. It was a very warm fall day and we wished we had cold bottled water to sell instead of coffee! This fundraiser raised over \$600.00 for our local projects and charities.

Michele Varuolo, Bethel Rotary Club



Appointments

PDG Mike McGovern elected as a representative to the 2004 Council on Legislation.

Mike McGovern was admitted to the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, in October 1986. He joined the club's board of directors in 1987 and became club president in 1992. For District 7780, Mike has served on the conference planning committee, the Rotary Foundation committee, the budget and nominating committees and has been the district trainer. He has been elected as a representative to the 2004 Council on Legislation.

He was chair of the Northeast Multi-District PETS in 1999-2000 and was co-chair of the RI Multi-District PETS Alliance for two years. Mike has served as a zone resource person for the annual fund and as a committee chair at a Rotary Institute. He chaired a two-zone conference of task force coordinators in 2001 and as GETS Training Chair. He currently is a zone coordinator assisting the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator.

Mike was a district governor in 1999-2000, an international training leader in Anaheim for two years, served as the co-chairman of the RI Multi-District PETS Committee, as a member of the Rotary Education and Training Executive Steering Committee, on a membership development task force and on the North American Affairs Committee. He has served three times as a president's representative at district conferences and chaired the session at the 2002 Barcelona Rotary International Convention for club presidents-elect. He was a panelist at a 2001 Presidential Conference in Salt Lake City and at the International Convention in San Antonio. He is a National Advisor for the Permanent Fund.



Historian's Corner

Name the past district governor who was reputed to have coined the expression "tougher than a boiled owl" when describing the characteristic of some people he has known.

The answer will be published in the next issue of *Call of the Loon*. *The first Rotarian to call in to the Editor will receive a "trivia" prize.*

**Bob Patten, PDG
District Historian**

George Rice of course! But he didn't really coin the phrase. It was borrowed from the following poem, written by Warren Moody of Castle Hill, Maine, in September of 1982.

Tougher than a Boiled Owl by Warren Moody

I'll tell you a story of way back when
The men on the river were manly men,
They cut the timber and sluiced the spruce
And never ate of the tender goose.

Their grub was beans and salt pork fat
And pancakes as tough as an old felt hat.
Blackstrap molasses and biscuits too,
Was what the cook fed to the rugged crew.

It was 1:00 p.m. by the cook's old watch,
The wanigan boat struck Ghost Landing Rock.
The pork was lost and beans flew wide
The flour spread on the frothing tide.

The grub was gone and the progress slow
And they still had miles to go.
The cook just smiled because he knew
Exactly what he would feed his crew.

He put an owl in his big black pot;
On top of that a standstone rock.
He boiled and boiled a whole half day
Until the sandstone rock melted away.

The nights were cold and the wind did howl
And the men chewed away on the old boiled owl.
And this is how they made their way
Down to the village and drew their pay.

The tale is still told of way back when
The men on the river were manly men.
Strong of back and strong of bowel,
They dined for days on the old boiled owl.

Who's Doing What...

Here are some projects undertaken by individual clubs and businesses in our communities to raise money for the Polio Eradication Campaign.

The **Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club** will donate all the proceeds of its yearly calendar sale to the PEC. The calendars are \$25 each, and have historical photos of the club's home area.

The **Scarborough Rotary Club**, with the help of one of their members, Joanne Christie, is encouraging their members to become sustaining Paul Harris Fellows. The first ten that so do, and designate the first three years to the PEC, will receive an additional \$100 from Joanne's gift.

The **Exeter Rotary Club's** Allison Field convinced her employer, **Ocean National Bank**, to contribute \$100 to the PEC for each Rotarian employee. In addition, each branch will showcase the campaign with a poster display to encourage customers to contribute individually.

PDG Marie Williams, of the **Kittery Rotary Club**, talked her employer, **Kennebunk Savings Bank**, into donating \$500 to each club with a member employed by the bank. The club is also dedicating its happy dollars to the PEC.

The **Oxford Hills Rotary Club** will hold a cross country ski event at Carter's Cross Country Ski Center. The "Groundhogs Against Polio" day will be Sunday, February 2, 2003. Participants will be given breakfast at the main lodge, then can ski, snowshoe, or hang out at the lodge, and then will go on to warmup huts for lunch and snacks. Tickets will cost \$12.95, and include food and skiing. All the proceeds will go to the PEC. Early registrants will be given pledge sheets for fund-raising. Contact the Oxford Hills Rotary Club.

The **South Berwick Rotary Club** is having a wine-tasting event on November 8th to support the PEC.

Federal Savings Bank of Dover has also decided to join our Polio Eradication Campaign. The bank will donate \$200 to the campaign for each Rotarian employee, as well as allowing displays in each branch for informing customers and collecting individual donations.



There are a number of things happening on the District level. Among them is what could be a huge event for the district, a Ski Day for Polio at Sunday River. The day will be held Friday, January 24th, 2003. Sunday River and the American Ski Company are allowing Rotary to sell *as many* tickets as we possibly can. *All* the funds raised from ticket sales will go towards the Polio Eradication Campaign. Tickets will be \$40.00 for a full day of skiing. A promotional video has been produced, and will be presented to the clubs, via their PEC chairs, at the Foundation Seminar on November 16th. Posters and sign-up sheets will be included in that package.

In other developments, the Portland International Jetport and the Manchester Airport have donated space for large backlit signs. These signs will use our newest polio pictures, and will include days and times of various club meetings in the area. Dan Mooers, the chair of the PEC committee, is working on Pease Airport, and Bangor Airport.

The committee has designed and produced several signs which can be used by Rotarians in their business windows, or on desks, or as displays. Please check with your area PEC coordinator for availability. There are a number of sizes which should suit every need.

From the Chair

As you know by now, the undertaking to eradicate polio is a huge job. Many people need to do much to make the funds necessary to cover the costs. However, as we know as Rotarians, many hands make light work. Please help as much as you can, in any way you can to make this a successful campaign.

Please, make sure that your club has sent in its signed commitment form. Finish working on your fund-raising goals and report them to your PEC coordinator. And, make sure that any funds you have so far collected are forwarded to Dan Mooers, chair of the PEC. Holding them in checking accounts does the PEC no good. Sending them to Dan will aid in record-keeping for our clubs and our district. (Dan Mooers, 339 Cottage Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.)

There will be a polio eradication workshop during each of the two breakout sessions at the Foundation Workshop on November 16th. These will be a terrific place to share your ideas for fund-raising and to learn more about what the campaign hopes to accomplish.

Almost There...
A World
Without
Polio

Rotary clubs are working on it.
For more information, ask the Rotary club member at this place
of business or visit www.rotary.org

Please email (or send by snail mail) all information about your PEC events to the Editor. Why not reach as many Rotarians as possible?

Rotary Foundation In Pictures



These photos (except bottom left) are of the Ragak Well Project, a project of the Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco with the assistance of a matching grant. They are digging two wells by hand and have struck water at one well by a primary school. The club is still waiting for notice on the other well.





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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, HERITAGE AND SPORTS

Department of Social Services

BONDO DISTRICT

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

Certificate No. NOB/V-0-/566. Date 31st July, 2002.

This is to certify that

PAP - LESIA COMMUNITY WORKER WATER PROJECT (PACOVOMAP)

Location NAST YIDDO.

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is today Registered Self Help Project under the National Plan for Community Development subject to:
 - Annual submission of a Daily and Regular submission of Quarterly Official Statistical Return.
 - Inspection of your accounts office by a Government Official or any other person any time.
 - Submission of your meeting programme to Administration Officers and the Social Development Assistant of your area.

Signed 
 District Social Development Officer
 Bondo District





Sr. Anastasia and AIDS orphans, a project currently underway in Kenya.

District 7780 Conference - May 22-25, 2003

Sow the Seeds of Love



The Grand Summit, Newry, Maine Early "Bird" Registration Raffle

Drawing to be held on November 16, 2002, at the closing of The Rotary Foundation Seminar

First Prize: Two nights free at the District Conference (\$200 Value)

Second Prize: One night free at the District Conference (\$100 Value)

Third Prize: One lunch & dinner Friday at the District Conference (\$75 Value)

Registration Fee: \$45.00 per person

Rotarian Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Number attending: _____ Guest/Rotarian's Name: _____

Registration Fee Paid:\$: _____ Received by: _____

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